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Miss Marthe Entenman

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Dear Miss Entenman:

We have received and read with close attention your letter of 12 September.

In regard to the Powers Case, you should take into consideration the fact that he was over a hundred days in solitary confinement without access to family, friends, his own legal advisers, or any U. S. Embassy representative prior to the trial, that undoubtedly the Soviets had drummed into his mind what they wished to come out at the trial, and this can be done and be effective even short of the techniques of "brain washing."

In selecting the pilots for such difficult missions, individuals whose past training and other technical, mental and ideological outlook seemed to qualify them for this job were chosen on the basis of these qualifications and willingness to serve. The pay scale of the pilots is about equivalent to that which a chief pilot on one of our airlines receives today. As you know, Powers had served as an Air Force officer and in no sense can he be considered a soldier of fortune.

As you can appreciate, it would not be appropriate for us to comment on the other two individuals mentioned in your letter as they were employed by another agency.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Executive Officer

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September 12, 1960

Mr. Allen Dulles  
Central Intelligence Agency  
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Dear Sir:

The shock of the Thomas  
Powers trial had barely worn  
off before admission is made  
that Bernard Mitchell and  
William Martin have defected  
to Russia. It hardly seems possible  
that such events are  
happening.

Thomas Powers has shown  
himself to be only interested  
in his \$30,000 a year salary.  
It is disclosed that he has  
never voted and apparently takes

little interest in the government  
The question seems to be "Why  
was this man employed for  
so important a job?"

Mitchell and Martin have  
been revealed as under  
psychiatric treatment. Again  
the question "Why were these  
men employed?"

I am deeply concerned  
for the future of my country.  
Something is wrong when we  
allow people with mental  
problems or shallow values to  
be trusted with important  
national secrets. I would like  
much more effort to be made  
in establishing character before  
a man is employed.

Yours,

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